

++++THE GUIDE +++  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

**January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30-7:30 PM WDS

THUR. 8:30 AM Blanket Making  
7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism Class

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir Sings  
8:30 AM SS for the children ttttthn  
8:30 AM Voter's meeting

**January 15 8:30: 136 Year Ago: 25 Sunday School: 43**

**Welcome** Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at St. Paul's Church! Please extend a word of friendship to those sitting near you. If you are a *visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

**Shoe Box Project** We would like to start gathering items for the shoe box project by collecting a certain item each month. For the month of January we are collecting small toys. Please put them in the box marked for that purpose in the narthex. Hopefully we can pack over 100 boxes again this year.

**2022 Statements** The 2022 year end statements have been mailed out. Please let the church office know if there is an issue.

**Thank you** I want to thank St. Paul's and the trustees for my Christmas gift. It was really appreciated. May God bless all of you. Neva Hagan

**Thank you** Thank you and blessings to all who have been bringing cookies and baked goods on Sunday mornings. It is a real treat for all who attend Sunday School.

**Thank you** Thank you to all of the family and friends that came to my 902th birthday open house on January 8<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed seeing all of you. I am very appreciative of the gifts, flowers and the cards that I have received. I've enjoyed reading each one. Rosemary Schlechte

**Challenge** The WLS (Willing Lutheran Servants) Bible class and Thrivent are challenging the congregation to help us collect 150 items for local food banks by Mar. 31. If we collect 150 items Thrivent will donate \$150 to the food bank. When you go grocery shopping just buy an extra item or two and put them in the boxes marked food bank in the narthex and school hallway. Thank you!

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
January 15	\$ 3,578.00	\$3,963.00	\$ 385.00
year-to-date	\$ 10,734.00	\$10,003.00	\$ -731.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
January 15	\$ 481.00	\$ 260.00	\$ -221.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,443.00	\$ 1,095.00	\$ -348.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$510.00
Building \$210 Seminary Student \$70 Trinity \$290 Lutheran Care Center \$100 Op Christmas Child \$380			

**January 15 \$5,273.00**

1/31 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
 2/1 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
       6:30-7:30 PM WDS  
       7:45 LYF meeting @ St. Paul  
 2/3 1:30 PM Ladies Aid- Hostess-Holly Giertz  
       7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism Class

**LYF** Please join us for the February LYF meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul's at 7:45 p.m.

**Offering Envelopes** Welcome 2023! Please begin using your **2023** offering envelopes.

**Thank you** LYF would like to thank all who supported us at the Soup Luncheon. Thanks to your generous donations, we had a great fundraiser raising around \$1500 and serving 150 people! We enjoyed serving you lunch and appreciate your continued support!

**LYF** The LYF will be going to the U of I Ice Arena in Champaign on Sunday, February 19 for ice skating. We will leave around 12:00 p.m. from St. Paul's. Youth may invite a friend to attend.

**2022-2023 Adopted Seminary Students** Meet our Adopted Seminary Students, Micah Brown and Joshua Gerken. Micha is a second-year seminarian at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife Jennifer were married on July 23, 2022. Micha is from Alexandria, Minnesota and Jennifer is from Chicago. They met while attending Concordia University Chicago, River Forest.

Joshua is a first-year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He has been married to Rachel a little over a year. They met while both working at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Napoleon, Ohio.

Learn more about the students, what they are studying and life at the seminary in the newsletters from Micha and Joshua, which will be included in the church February Newsletter.

**Thank you** Thanks to all who have been saving canceled stamps for our Ladies Aid to redeem for money for missions. However, we have new guidelines from those who receive our stamps. Do not cut off the stamps from postcards, send the entire postcard. If you have old (pre-1930) envelopes, do not cut off the stamps, send the whole envelope. All foreign stamps, large and small are ok to submit as are the large commemorative U.S. stamps. **Do not save Love, any Flag, Bell, or Christmas stamps any longer.** Any collection of stamps, save on the sheets, if possible. Do not remove stamps from pages or albums. Post Office metered postage is not valuable. They are looking for unique stamps with various postage. If possible, individual stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4" around the stamps. Do not trim stamps to touch perforations or they will be discarded. Boxes are still in the back of the church and on the bench near the Sunday School door for your stamps. Thank you for your consideration of these changes.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

28-Jim & Phyllis Weiss

### **BIRTHDAYS**

22-Chris Bowers; Colleen Storm;  
Lane Hoene  
23-Muriel Merriman  
24-Jennifer Buening; Charlie Logan  
25-Gerald\* Hanfland  
27-Jennifer Logan; Melba Kircher  
28-Roger Kessler; Katie Harley

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Todd Daniels, Amanda Doehring, Brandon & Jessica Doehring, Darin Doehring, Don & Linda Doehring, Virginia Vogel, Allison & Bryan Vonderheide, Gina & Travis Vonderheide, Sheryl & Rick Vonderheide, Tanya Walker, Doug Walker

**\*\*\* Copies of the Agenda and minutes are available in the Narthex.**

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Carolyn Stremming
Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Floyd Storm
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Joe Oakley	Robert Pfeiffer
Kendall Fulk	

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook  
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior  
Living  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland  
Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care  
Center  
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &  
Roger Kull Cousin)  
Randy Doty  
Pat Williams (bypass surgery )  
Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-  
cancer)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,  
undergoing treatments)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

**Joshua Gerken**  
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## Entrance Hymn: All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

LSB 930

- 1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain
- ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!
- 2 Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain
- 3 Frost of winter with song so cold, Dews of summer, your song unfold;  
Light and darkness, you day and night, Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright:  
Refrain
- 4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth, All you green things that grow on earth;  
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales:  
Refrain
- 5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain
- D 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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## Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" *Psalm 41:4*
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
- P His heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. *Psalm 41:6*
- C **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. *Psalm 41:9*

C **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." *Psalm 41:8*

C **We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

P But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up. *Psalm 41:10*

C **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. *Psalm 41:11*

C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

P You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! *Psalm 41:12-13*

C **so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Psalm 41:1-2*

C **Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise: O Bless the Lord, My Soul**

LSB 814

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Text: Public domain

### **Collect**

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 1:26–31a

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

Ephesians 1:3–10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the

Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn of Acclamation: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

LSB 904

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
  - 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
  - 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- D 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.  
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### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed

are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Sermon Hymn: God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

LSB 765

- 1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.
- 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence Faith sees a smiling face.
- 3 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev’ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow’r.
- 4 Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.
- 5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

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## Sermon

### Prayers

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Heavenly Father, grant us all humility to recognize the sanctity of every human life You have created, redeemed, and called as Your own precious treasure and to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Let us speak Your grace and show Your forgiveness to any whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children or by participation in any other violence against the sanctity of life, that they may turn to You in trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. By our witness and assistance, deliver from death, deception, and despair those scheduled for abortion, those awaiting adoption, those experiencing surprise pregnancy, those facing terminal diagnosis, those considering suicide or euthanasia, and those endangering embryonic human beings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. In our time, in our land, and the world over, bring an end to abortion, embryocide, physician-assisted suicide, and all pressures to use death as a solution to suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Guide the minds and hands of medical professionals to serve as instruments of Your saving and healing care and to resist the temptation to hasten the end of any human life; and especially do we implore Your visitation and intervention to relieve the afflictions of our brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Multiply unto us the celebrations of body, family, and length of days that we rejoice with gratitude to You for these undeserved and undivided delights; and especially do we praise Your name for birthdays and anniversaries among our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Provide and preserve lawmakers and officials over us who safeguard the sanctity of every human life in public policy and practice, and move us to support and encourage them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Open our ears and loosen our tongues to advocate for every neighbor's welfare with courage and compassion, and work calm and consensus through our respectful dialogue and enthusiastic servanthood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great. Cheer our spirits with forgiveness, faith, and fellowship, until by repentance and resurrection we enter into everlasting life before You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## **Preface**

*LSB 194*

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And with thy spirit.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

- C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C ***Amen.***

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

## Distribution Hymns

### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanish As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt. Text: Public domain

### **This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

LSB 903

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.

2 Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.

4 Blessèd is He who comes to us With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us To save our fallen race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Text: Public domain

### **617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

LSB 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.  
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
 May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
 Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
 That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
 And live together here in love and union  
 Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
 Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***
- P Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C ***Amen.***
- P The Lord be with you.  
 C ***And with thy spirit.***

## **Benedicamus**

LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.  
C ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Benediction**

LSB 202

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

## **Recessional Hymn: I Leave All Things to God's Direction**

LSB 719

- 1 I leave all things to God's direction; He loves me both in joy and woe.  
His will is good, sure His affection; His tender love is true, I know.  
My fortress and my rock is He: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for me will never cease.  
Upon His hands He did engrave me With purest gold of loving grace.  
His will supreme must ever be: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 3 My God desires the soul's salvation; My soul He, too, desires to save.  
Therefore with Christian resignation All earthly troubles I will brave.  
His will be done eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 4 My God has all things in His keeping; He is the ever faithful friend.  
He gives me laughter after weeping, And all His ways in blessings end.  
His love endures eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.

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